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Natural Gas Fired Plants
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has more than 24000 MW of natural gas fired power plants lying idle, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any measures are being taken to energise these plants, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : Government of India has sanctioned a scheme to supply imported spot Re-gasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) in 2015-16 and 2016-17 for the stranded gas based power plants as well as for plants receiving domestic gas upto the target Plant Load Factor (PLF) selected through a reverse e-biding process. The list of such plants is given at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively. The scheme provides for financial support from PSDF (Power System Development Fund). The Scheme further envisages sacrifices to be made collectively by all stakeholders, including the Central and the State Governments by way of exemptions from applicable taxes and levies / duties on the incremental RLNG being imported for the purposes. The waivers provided under the scheme are as under:-

(i) Customs duty waiver on imported LNG;

(ii) Waiver of Value Added Tax, Central Sales Tax, Octroi and Entry Tax;

(iii) Reduction in pipeline tariff charges, regasification charges and marketing margin;

(iv) Exemption from transmission charges and losses for stranded gas based power projects.

The Scheme is under implementation w.e.f. 1st June, 2015 and three rounds of auction have been completed so far.

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